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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF VS HK
SUBJECT: SITREP - VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

1. THE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HK IMMIGRATION

DETENTION DECREASED BY EIGHT, A FAMILY GROUP WHO WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER HONG KONG LEGALLY TO JOIN OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THUS, THERE ARE NOW 3,785 IN DETENTION.

2. ON MAY 18 THE 103 REFUGEES FROM THE M.V. OREGON AND FIVE AIR AMERICA EMPLOYEES DEPARTED FOR GUAM. EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW 22 REFUGEES FROM THE SWEDISH SHIP, M.V. JAPAN, WILL DEPART FOR STOCKHOLM, WHICH HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT THEM AT LEAST ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. NONE OF THESE ARE INCLUDED IN THE DETENTION CAMP TOTALS.

3. THE S.S. EURYBATES IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HONG KONG LATE TODAY WITH 35 REFUGEES. A CONSULAR OFFICER AND AN ICEM REPRESENTATIVE PLAN TO BOARD THE VESSEL TOMORROW MORNING FOR PRELIMINARY SCREENING OF THE REFUGEES. ANOTHER PANAMANIAN SHIP IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TODAY WITH 35 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP ARE PERSONS WITH CLOSE RELATIVES IN THE US, INCLUDING CHILDREN
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AND SIBLINGS. WE WILL NOT INTERVIEW THESE PERSONS AND WILL

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CONSIDER THEM TO BE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THE PROBLEM OF
THE PANAMANIAN AND HK GOVERNMENTS.

4. INS BEGAN PROCESSING OF REFUGEES IN IMMIGRATION CAMPS
THIS MORNING. THE CANADIANS AND FRENCH ARE ALSO PROCESSING
IN THE CAMPS. THE CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT ABOUT 30 WILL
DEPART FOR CANADA THIS WEEK WHILE THE FRENCH CONSIDER THAT
UP TO 42 MIGHT BE ACCEPTED WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO.
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